

Olympus High School

Titan Times

Principal's Message

Dear Parent and Students,

Welcome to a new school year. I extend a warm welcome to all returning students, as well as incoming sophomores and all those who are new to Olympus High School. Olympus is a great school with a rich history and wonderful tradition. We encourage each student to get involved in a variety of activities and take full advantage of the extensive academic and extracurricular opportunities that are available to them at Olympus. The high school experience can and should be one that students enjoy at the time, and in years to come, look back on with fond memories and cherished friendships. We are living in a very competitive and technological time which makes it critical that students take full advantage of their academic opportunities. As students take full advantage of their academic opportunities, it will prepare them for their post high school goals and desires.

This past June Olympus High School was recognized as one of the **“Best Schools in the Nation”** by **Newsweek Magazine**. This is definitely a nice recognition to the students, staff, and community.

This year we would like to welcome a number of new staff members to Olympus High School. I am also pleased to welcome Joshua LeRoy to Olympus as an assistant principal. While Joshua is new to Olympus, he comes from Bear River High School where he taught English.

One of our supportive organizations at Olympus High School is our outstanding PTSA. They enthusiastically enhance the schools environment by supporting students' academic and social development, as well as, teachers' classroom endeavors. Mrs. Sandy Decker and Mrs. Kyra Shepherd are our PTSA Presidents and we appreciate the service and energy that they and their PTSA Board members put forth in this valuable role at our school. We encourage all students and parents to become involved at Olympus by joining the PTSA and actively supporting our many academic and extracurricular activities.

This year we will once again introduce a new Olympus High School pride pin. The pin is awarded to students who are involved in academic, athletic, arts, or activities that extend beyond their regular school classes. Students can also earn an “Academic” pin and certificates. Academic certificates are awarded to students who achieve the high honor roll (3.85 GPA) during any quarter throughout the school year. We hope that each student will strive to earn an academic certificate each quarter.

Students should become familiar with and strive to earn “Titan Way” certificates and incentives each quarter. Through the Titan Way Program, students are acknowledged for their academic and citizenship achievements each quarter. When students earn at least a 3.6 GPA, or a 3.5 CPA for a given term, or a .5 increase in their GPA from one term to the next and have no zeros in their citizenship grade for that given quarter, they will become Titan Way members and receive a certificate of achievement and an incentive to show our appreciation for their efforts.

Olympus has implemented an after school intervention program for all students failing any of their core area courses at mid-term. Students who are failing any one of their math, English, science, or social studies classes will be required to attend after school tutoring until the grade is brought to a passing range. At mid-term, letters will be sent home to parents notifying them of their students need to take advantage of the after school tutoring program until their grade is raised to at least the "C" level. We hope this will provide students the needed support to be successful while encouraging them to take full advantage of their classes during the regular school hours.

We will continue to encourage students to be active in our "Be Strong Program" at Olympus High School. The Be Strong program is designed to help students gain knowledge on how to live healthy and enjoy a well rounded way of life. We will continue to build upon the program this year focusing on the five core areas of academics, physical, mental, character, and nutritional. I will explain more about the program in newsletters throughout the year. We hope that you will encourage your student(s) to participate in the program. We are confident that these activities will enrich your student's high school experience.

Once again, welcome to the 2010-11 school year at Olympus. If I can be of any service, please feel free to contact me. I wish all students an enjoyable and successful school year.

Sincerely,

Mark Manning, Principal

PTSA Presidents' Letter

We are extremely excited this year to be Co-Presidents of Olympus' PTSA. We both have been involved in PTSA for many years and together have more than 30 years experience. Both Sandy and Kyra have been PTSA presidents before at Rosecrest Elementary and Evergreen Junior High.

Registration went really well. All students were asked to sign our "Be Strong" banner and pledge to adhere to our theme. The students were given an Olympus t-shirt for signing this banner and pledging to "Be Strong" all year. Thanks to Mr. Manning for supporting this effort by donating these t-shirts. We want to thank those students who wore the Be Strong shirts on the first day of school and for being so supportive. We would like to thank Kris Erickson, Karen Watts, and Allison Speaks for helping with registration. We couldn't have done it without you!

We have some wonderful events going this year with our Be Strong Program and our Elementary Arts Program. These are great programs that affect our children in many ways and build lasting effects and memories. Our kick-off for Be Strong was on September 10th and we want to thank Laura Pinnock, Alyson Chard and all the individuals that work on this program in advance for all they do! We have established a Be Strong Club this year for those students who would like to join. Look for additional information coming soon about this great opportunity.

Homecoming was the week of September 7th. We held our annual Torch Run on September 10th and a Tailgate Dinner was held afterwards. Thanks to Holly Burton and all the people who helped in making this a great event! The Homecoming Football game followed that night in which the Titans were victorious over Woods Cross. Way to go Titans!!!! The Homecoming Dance was held on September 11th at the school. This was well attended. Thanks to all the everyone who made this event spectacular!

Our first General PTSA Membership meeting will be on October 1st in the Art Space at 9:30 a.m. Please feel free to attend this meeting. We would love to have you come. We will be voting on this the 2010- 2011 PTSA budget at this meeting.

We want you to know that we are available for any questions or comments you might have so please feel free to contact us: Sandy (801) 484-0848; Kyra (801) 832-0268.

PTSA Presidents' Letter (cont')

Again, we are really excited about the upcoming year as Presidents and look forward to meeting new people and working with the wonderful students and faculty at Olympus High! GO TITANS!!!!!!

Sandy Decker & Kyra Shepherd, Co-PTSA Presidents

Counseling Center

2010 – 2011 ACT Test Dates

Register for the ACT Test at www.actstudent.org

Test Date	Registration Deadline	(Late Fee Required)
October 23, 2010	September 17, 2010	September 18 – October 1, 2010
December 11, 2010	November 5, 2010	November 6 – 19, 2010
February 12, 2011	January 7, 2011	January 8 – 21, 2011
April 9, 2011	March 4, 2011	March 5 – 18, 2011
June 11, 2011	May 6, 2011	May 7 – 20, 2011

2010 – 2011 SAT Test Dates

Register for the SAT Test at www.collegeboard.org

2010 – 2011 Test Dates	Test	Regular Registration Deadline (postmark/submit by)
October 9, 2010	SAT & Subject Tests	September 10, 2010
November 6, 2010	SAT & Subject Tests	October 8, 2010
December 4, 2010	SAT & Subject Tests	November 5, 2010
January 22, 2011	SAT & Subject Tests	December 23, 2010
March 12, 2011	SAT only	February 25, 2011
May 7, 2011	SAT & Subject Tests	April 8, 2011
June 4, 2011	SAT & Subject Tests	April May 20, 2011

Why take PLAN Test? – Sophomores Only

- Prepare for the ACT
- Get an estimated ACT score
- Students who take PLAN score higher on the ACT than those who do not

Why take PSAT/NMSQT? – Sophomores & Juniors

- Prepare for the SAT
- Enter the National Merit Scholarship competition (11th only)
- Get feedback about critical academic skills

PLAN Test

October 12, 2010

7:30 am Cafeteria

Pay \$15 in the bookstore
Sept. 27 – October 8, 2010
Sophomores Only

PSAT/NMSQT

October 13, 2010

7:30 am Cafeteria

Pay \$15 in the bookstore
Sept. 27 – October 8, 2010
Sophomores and Juniors

Counseling Center (cont')

Student Education Occupation Plan (SEOP) is a process focused on helping students to better navigate the school system, to progress toward meeting graduation requirements, and to plan for success for today and the future. The counselors will be meeting with the seniors individually and the junior and sophomore students in a classroom setting during the following months.

- Seniors –October
- Juniors – Feb/March
- Sophomores – November

ASVAB Test for Juniors—October 12, 2010 starting at 7:30 a.m.

Juniors are required to complete an aptitude test to show a student's strengths and link those with possible careers. This is another component to the SEOP process and provides the student and parent/guardian with valuable information that further guides the student in creating a post-high school plan.

SAVE THE DATE:

College Application Workshop - October 20, 2010

2:30 - 3:30 pm in the Career Center

The counselors will be available to help students fill out college applications.

Scholarship Application Workshop – November 10, 2010

2:30 – 3:30 pm in the Career Center

The counselors will be available to help students find and fill out scholarship applications.

CPR – College Planning Relief - November 17, 2010

7 - 8 pm in the ART SPACE

Olympus High School is hosting a workshop for all parents and guardians of college-bound students. Shorten the learning curve – Learn how to select the best college for your student and pay for it without jeopardizing retirement.

The one-hour workshop will:

- Discuss specific steps to take right now, even if there is little time to prepare
- Help minimize out-of pocket costs, whatever your income and assets
- Teach the key to maximize financial aid
- Explain how to make private colleges affordable
- Give Strategies to reduce time to graduation

Visit the Olympus High School Counseling Center website for more educational and career planning and scholarship information. www.olympushigh.wikispaces.com

Career Center

- The **sophomores** will have their career and education planning during their English classes during October. All parents are invited to attend this important event with their students.
- Olympus High will have **college day** for all seniors on October 12th from 8am to 10:30am. College representatives from throughout Utah will be there to provide information about their colleges and universities after an opening session for all in the auditorium. Parents are also invited to attend this event.
- **National College day** will be held at Juan Diego High School on October 16th. From 1 pm to 3:30 pm. Colleges from all over the country will have representatives there.

Ron Bailey, Career Counselor/CTE Coordinator
Olympus High School Network
Ph: 385 646 5404

BE STRONG for 2010-2011

Eat Right...Get Moving...Care...Be Smart...Feel Good

BE STRONG is sponsored by the PTA helping Olympus students live happy, healthy lives.

- **BE STRONG** teaches life skills.
- **BE STRONG** aids in awareness.
- **BE STRONG** offers friendship.

Co-Chairing **BE STRONG** are Allyson Chard & Laura Pinnock.

BE STRONG Student Officers are Jordan Monson, Sam Williams, Rebecca Pace, Taylor Elton and Sarah Menlove, **BE STRONG** Faculty Advisors are Jed Vandenakker, Aaron Whitehead and Brent Burton.

BE STRONG CLUB **BE STRONG CLUB** is every Monday morning at 7:30am.

- We are looking for students who are...
- looking for friends...
- looking for fitness evaluations...
- looking for nutritional advice...
- looking for service opportunities

Plan on your student attending every Monday morning at 7:30am

FREE T-SHIRT! FREE BREAKFAST!

Chair Wendy Zeigler

BREAKFAST FOR A BUCK is the first Wednesday of each month before school.

For only \$1 your student can arrive at school and receive a healthy, balanced breakfast.

For September we served Yogurt Parfaits with strawberries, bananas and granola.

Plan on your student eating with us on October 6th.

Chaired by Jennie Pinnock

LUNCHTIME FORUMS are the third Wednesday of each month during both lunches. We serve your student a healthy lunch and offer them extra credit. September featured a student panel that discussed "Befriending vs. Bullying." This event is easy and fun with over 200 students participating in September Plan on your student attending the Lunchtime Forum with us on October 20th.

Chaired by Emily Ott

HOMECOMING TORCH RUN AND TAIL-GATE DINNER

Thank you to Holly Burton and her committee for helping with the torch run and sponsoring a healthy dinner before the Homecoming game. Thank you to Subway for your yummy turkey sandwiches on whole wheat bread with lots of veggies. Thank you students who were brave enough to do the 1 mile torch run!

GO OLYMPUS HIGH SCHOOL!

Olympus High Presents a new comedy murder mystery musical:

CURTAINS

Tickets on sale NOW

Go to the Olympus High web page and click on the icon CURTAINS to purchase tickets, then go to the Drama WIKI space for a full synopsis of this delightful musical, plus You Tube clips from the Broadway performance.

Do not miss your chance to see this musical done as only Olympus High can do it!!!

Dates: Oct 20, 22, 23 and 25 @ 7:00

Oct 21 @ 3:30

Oct 23 @ 1:00

Opening night and both matinees are only \$5.00!

Evening performances are \$7.00 on line and \$9.00 at the door.

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THE STUDENTS OF OLYMPUS HIGH SCHOOL AND "GOOD IN THE 'HOOD" PRESENT

SPREAD ^{*}MAGIC ^{*}AROUND

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SATURDAY, OCTOBER 9, 3:00 – 7:30 p.m. OLYMPUS HIGH SCHOOL

All proceeds will go to help the Coleman family with necessary expenses in behalf of their children, Jonas and Maggie, who are fighting SMA (Spinal Muscular Atrophy) Type I, a terminal disease of the spinal nerves, which causes muscle atrophy.

Enjoy live bands, bounce houses, reptile and magic shows, sporting tournaments, children's activities, live and silent auctions, concessions, and more. *

Donations to the PTSA this year are way down (by more than a half). We cannot run the programs as well as we'd like to without your help! So, please donate to the PTSA in any amount you can so that the programs that are so important and beneficial to the students of Olympus can continue and prosper.

Thank you so much! Sandy Decker, Co-PTSA President

PTSA Board Meeting The PTSA Executive Board has approved the proposed budget for the 2010-2011 school year. This budget is posted by the office if you would like to review it. We will be having a General Membership PTSA meeting on October 1st at 9:30 in the Art Space at Olympus High School. All PTSA members are welcome to come to this meeting to discuss and vote on approval of our budget.

Olympus High Foundation

The Olympus High Foundation once again wishes to thank all those who have participated in our card program. This is a great opportunity to make contributions to the school and get a taxable deduction for that contribution. In addition to that, these contributions can be directed to specific programs at the school be it in the arts, academics or athletics. Qualified contributions are able to receive the Green and Platinum cards that allow families entrance into games, dances, plays and other school sponsored events.

The Olympus Foundation is one of the only school foundations in the state and allows us the opportunity to target specific needs of our school. Arts, academics, athletics have all benefitted from the contributions of our community. Those who wish to contribute may do so at any time by simply dropping by the school and making a contribution to "Olympus High Foundation" or mailing it Olympus High School in care of the foundation 4055 S. 2300 E. Holladay, UT 84121.

Thanks for your help! Tracy H. Duckworth 801.524.1821 tracy.duckworth@ubs.com

Reflections The theme this year is "Together We Can . . ." The categories are: Literature, Photography, Visual Arts, 3 Dimensional Art, Theater, Dance, Musical Composition and Film/Video. For more information go to utahpta.org and click on "Reflections."

Bike Club: The bike club is a new club that will be meeting every Friday after school to go on a communal ride, get to know others with similar interests, and get a workout. Students must bring their own bike and helmet and we will be meeting in Mrs.' Rockwood's room, Rm 210. Club contacts: Grace Hong and Claire Lu

Barton Scholarship The Barton family has gotten together with the community to establish a Scholarship in honor of Sophie Rose Barton who passed away this summer. Please see attachment. If you have questions regarding the scholarship or how to participate, contact Tessa Reinemer at tessareinemer@hotmail.com. or call 801-556-0885.

Business! Business! Read All About It..... Applications for both DCA and FBA are available in Room 217. DCA is an association of Marketing Students and FBA is an association of Business Students. Both are national organizations that promote business and leadership skills. Once a month activities include business competitions, socials, service projects, business/marketing field trips, business guest speakers, and chances to network with other business and marketing students in Utah. Dues are \$15 for each organization. No prior experience necessary. Excellent items to put on resumes and college applications.

MEET THE CANDIDATES NIGHT on Wed., Oct 13th at 7pm at Christ United Methodist Church, 2375 E 3300 South. The Millcreek Township Community Councils, Skyline & Olympus High Schools are pleased to announce a MEET THE CANDIDATES night on Wednesday, October 13th at Christ United Methodist Church located at 2375 East 3300 South at 7pm to hear from and talk with candidates for County Council, State Senate, State Representatives and Granite School District Board Members. The candidates have been asked to give a short introduction and then move to their tables where constituents can visit with them personally. This will be a great opportunity for community members to meet the candidates and ask them questions. We hope to see you there!

OCTOBER CALENDAR

For the October Calendar, please see the website:
<http://olympushigh.wikispaces.com>